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In re the Application of:

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OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign application filed in the following foreign country and priority provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-identified application:

**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 02-212537**  
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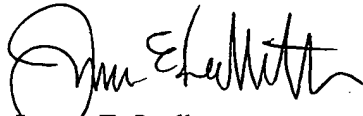
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